Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Weldon Peter "Pete" Olson was born on January 24, 1913, in Knox County, Nebraska; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Pete married Ruth Mack on April 5, 1941, and to that union 13 children were born; and,

Whereas, In 1947, Pete began farming in Ideal, South Dakota. Pete's love for farming earned him a Tripp County Soil Conservation Award, and in 2006, his family was named Farm Family of the Year; and,

Whereas, Pete served 22 years as a member and president on the Ideal School Board. He began the hot-lunch program and worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to move Native Americans closer to the school so children could regularly attend; and,

Whereas, Pete helped organize and build the Ideal Community Hall for kids to play basketball and served as elder and trustee for the Ideal Presbyterian Church; and,

Whereas, Pete will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2013, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State